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This Amendment responds to the final Office Action mailed November 22, 2006 in the above-identified application. The foregoing amendments are made to place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise new issues or require extensive consideration. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 were previously pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13 and 15 are amended. Claims 7, 10, 11 and 16 are canceled without prejudice of disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-15 and 17 are currently pending, with claims 1, 4, 9 and 13 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4, 5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Baret et al. (US 6,014,892). Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Baret et al. in view of Bohm et al. (US 5,661,229). Claims 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Baret et al. in view of Bohm et al as applied to claim 3, further in view of Mahoney et al. (US 5,625,141). Claim 11 is indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the amended claims.

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 11 and intervening claim 10. Accordingly, claims 9 and 12 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 4 and 13 have been amended to recite a controller that performs the functions recited by allowable claim 11. The limitations of intervening claim 10 are not considered necessary to the patentability of claims 1, 4 and 13. Accordingly, amended claims 1, 4 and 13 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, claims 5, 6 and 8 depend from claim 4 and claims 14, 15 and 17 depend from claim 13. These claims are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claims.

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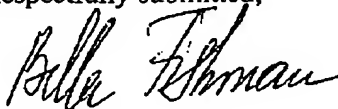
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Based upon the above discussion, entry of the amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

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